

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 1:23-md-03076-KMM

In RE

FTX CRYPTOCURRENCY
EXCHANGE COLLAPSE LITIGATION

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**DEFENDANT FARMINGTON STATE BANK'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO APPOINT A SPECIAL MASTER**

Defendant Farmington State Bank d/b/a Moonstone Bank, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby joins the Investor Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint a Special Master in the above-captioned matter (the "Motion") [ECF No. 145] and states as follows:

For all of the reasons set forth in the Investor Defendants' Opposition to the Motion [ECF No. 180], this Court should deny Plaintiffs' Motion. The Motion is premature at this stage, including because this Court has stayed discovery through at least September 19, 2023 [ECF No. 152], and Plaintiffs have failed to identify any pretrial matters that may require a Special Master's intervention under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(a)(1). Indeed, there are none.

The appointment of a Special Master is particularly premature prior to this Court's consideration of many defendants' forthcoming motions to dismiss. The undersigned Defendant expect to make a case-dispositive motion to dismiss the claims against them on multiple grounds.

Therefore, for all of the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs' Motion should be denied.

Dated: August 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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